

WHAT BREEDS ANARCHY.

Joshua T. Small's Analysis of Economic Evils That Provoke Resistance to the Social.

Editor The Colored American:

The article in your issue of February 15, on Anarchism, by Earl Finch, simply emphasizes the fact that 99 out of every 100 writers on the subject are ignorant of the fundamental principles of Anarchism. Anarchists are working to carry out the ideas contained in the Declaration of Independence, which, put in words, announced to the world that "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," and the mainspring of all their actions is found in the belief that liberty is the only salvation of society from the social and economic evils that encompass us on every hand.

To comprehend anarchism one must understand the rise and growth of modern capitalism, for one has kept pace with the other.

With the discovery that steam could be used as the motive power for running machinery, followed by the invention of labor-saving machinery that multiplied the ability of men to produce wealth in some instances 400 fold, the tools of production rapidly slipped into the hands of the capitalists, who, by the fiction maintained by law that rent, interest and profits are entirely natural, have been enabled to divert to themselves the lion's share of the products of labor, until we have reached that point where all the governments of the so-called civilized nations of the earth are engaged in the work of finding foreign markets for the apparent surplus wealth that has been created.

Apparent, I say, because, when we come to analyze the situation, we find that it is only because our present unjust system of distribution does not permit the toilers to get the reward of their labor that such a thing seems to exist.

Now, it is owing to the various monopolies in the land that the laborer has to feed on husks while the kernel goes to the capitalist.

The money monopoly that says no person can engage in the business of issuing circulating notes unless he joins the National Bank Ring, which is protected by a 10 per cent. tax levied by Congress on all other issues than theirs; the land monopoly, that gives one man the power to hold title to millions of acres of land, so that the occupant of these acres must pay tribute to him in rent; the tariff monopoly, that today is so strong and powerful that it is enabled to sell goods in Europe at prices far below what it charges for them at home, by reason of the taxes wrong from the American people and the patent monopoly, that forces the people to do without many things that may almost be called the necessities of life, are the monopolies around which all the smaller ones are grouped.

The Anarchist, looking squarely at the situation, finds all these monopolies existing by the grace and permission of the government, and he says that the only remedy for it is to cut away the special privileges and let each tub stand on its own bottom; then, if the National Banks can furnish the best money at the least cost, it will do the business, otherwise, their sceptre will depart from them and so it will be with the other combinations, when the principle of liberty in economics is given recognition.

In what I have written your readers will see that Anarchism implies something besides the tearing down process, for, side by side with this work, goes the education of the masses as to the need of uniting their efforts—of establishing our industries on the basis of voluntary co-operation, in such a manner that the parasites who now live and thrive on interest, rent, and profit, shall have no place in the social hive.

If in these few lines I shall have induced any of your readers to study the question of Anarchism with the sole idea of getting at the basic facts, my labor will not have been in vain.

JOSHUA T. SMALL,
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G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Col. Alex. Powell of New York, who was formerly connected with the Executive Mansion under President Ar-

thur and who is now on the staff of the Commander of the G. A. R. in New York was in the city Saturday and Sunday of last week on business connected with the coming Encampment.

Col. Powell looks well and speaks with confidence of the coming event. He was in consultation with Mr. Daniel Murray who is to look after the matter. While here Col. Powell had quarters at the Raleigh, corner 12th and Pennsylvania avenue.

"SOME REASONS WHY."

Editor Chase Talks Plainly at the Second Baptist Lyceum, but The Bee Leaves Testimonial to the President.

Editor W. Calvin Chase of The Washington Bee, delivered an enterprising address last Sunday at the Second Baptist Lyceum, in the presence of a packed house. Mr. Chase's subject was "Some Reasons Why" and after a vigorous analysis of his own, he analyzed the advantageous circumstances of the Negro in business, politics, the professions and showed why our success was not what our numbers and finance entitle us to claim. He was rather severe upon some of the leaders and criticised unsparingly the hypocrites, pretenders and sycophants of "codfish society." The talk though radical was not bitter and everybody listened good humoredly. Mr. Chase congratulated himself that for the first time in his 48 years of existence he had met a big crowd of people who was in agreement with him. Short speeches were made by Justice E. M. Hewlett, Dr. C. W. Childs, Hon. George H. White. President Thompson installed as his successor in the chair, Mr. Samuel E. Lacy, who accepted the honor in appropriate terms. He promised to continue the policy that had made the previous administration a national force for the uplift of the race. A generous collection was taken up for the purpose of tendering Mr. Thompson a suitable testimonial. The committee, Messrs. Chase, Jones and Toomey, later in the week, presented him and his "better half" a handsome dinner set of one hundred pieces as a recognition of faithful service to the organization.

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